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BUSINESS SERVICES

The **Amoskeag Business Incubator**, a joint venture between the Southern New Hampshire University School of Business and the City of Manchester, provides real estate space and technical assistance to new, start-up and fledgling small businesses.

The **Small Business Development Center** (www.nhsbdc.org), a joint project of the University of New Hampshire and the U.S. Small Business Administration, provides no-cost business counseling for new and small businesses in the state. An office of the SBDC is located at the Amoskeag Business Incubator.

The **New Hampshire Industrial Research Center** (www.nhirc.sr.unh.edu), a cooperative project of three major universities and the State of New Hampshire, offers programs to assist New Hampshire industry competitiveness. The NHIRC provides assistance in basic and applied R & D and manufacturing improvement, market research assistance, money-saving Design of Experiments courses and low-cost assistance to inventors.

The **New Hampshire International Trade Resource Center** (www.globalnh.org) at the Pease International Tradeport in Portsmouth works with New Hampshire companies interested in initiating or expanding their export efforts with a full spectrum of information, programs and customized services, including an extensive international business library.

Centers for Training and Business Development, located at the New Hampshire Community Technical Colleges, provide assessment and workforce training for New Hampshire businesses. These services include customized training programs, customized certificate programs, fully accredited courses and programs, corporate universities, and community school-to-work initiatives.

The **Manufacturing Management Center** offers technical, business and financial counseling to small manufacturers, and enlists the University of New Hampshire faculty and resources to deliver specialized services on an as-needed basis.

SBA-sponsored **Small Business Institutes** at the University of New Hampshire, Plymouth State College, Keene State College, New Hampshire College and Daniel Webster College provide in-depth management consulting services to local small businesses using senior-level undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in a business administration curriculum. A chapter of the **Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)** is located in Manchester.

The **New Hampshire High Technology Council** sponsors a Business Clinic and co-sponsors the MIT Enterprise Forum. These provide opportunities for emerging businesses to have their business plans critiqued by a panel of experts.

Several other specialized business assistance programs are offered by the State of New Hampshire's Department of Resources and Economic Development (www.nheconomy.com).

Additional resources can be found at www.buzgate.org, a collaborative resource portal linking businesses with local business assistance programs and other resources to help them start, grow and succeed.